

California Student Aid Commission

Chafee Grant
Program
for Former
Foster Youth



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Chafee Grant Overview

- Administered by the Commission through an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Assists former foster youth to help pay for college or career/technical training
- Maximum annual award amount is \$5,000 per academic year based on unmet need
- \$14,333,755 - federal and state funded grant subject to annual availability of funds

School Eligibility

New Chafee grant awards will be offered to eligible students only if the student attends either:

- An institution that is eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program
OR
- An institution that does not participate in the Cal-Grant program or located outside California with a:
 - Three-year cohort default rate less than 15.5% **and**
 - Overall graduation rate greater than 30%
- Paid Chafee recipients that previously received a payment and still meet the student eligibility requirements are not subject to the provisions of AB2506 as long as they continue at the same institution.

Student Eligibility

To **APPLY**, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18
 - *Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18*
- Not have reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year

Student Eligibility

Example 1:

Keisha will turn 22 on June 20th, 2018. If Keisha has never applied for the Chafee grant, she is eligible to submit the Chafee application for 2017-18.

Example 2:

Keisha will turn 22 on July 5th, 2018. She can still apply for a 2017-18 Chafee grant because the application will remain open until August.

Example 3:

Same as above except the 2017-18 Chafee application is closed. Keisha is unable to apply for the Chafee grant.

Chafee Process Flow

1.	Student application process and DSS Verification
2.	Award based on priority selection criteria
3.	Student is placed on school roster
4.	School certifies eligibility and requests payment
5.	Payments sent to school
6.	Second eligibility check and disbursement
7.	Institutional reconciliation

*Chafee processing normally happens once per week on Monday nights.

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Awarding

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1. Chafee Grant application (one-time)
2. FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (every year)*
★ Students should complete the Chafee application, FAFSA or CADAA for the year they plan to enroll.
3. CSAC receives verification of foster care eligibility directly from the Department of Social Services (monthly)

*The March 2nd Cal Grant deadline does not apply.
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Priority Awarding Criteria:

1. Paid renewal students
2. New and non-paid renewal students who will be 22 years as of July 1st of the award year
3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents
4. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need greater than \$5,000
5. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need less than \$5,000

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Awarded: Student has a preliminary award and you can certify eligibility and request payment.

Pending: Student is eligible but not awarded. The student is lower on the priority awarding scale and will become Awarded as funds get recycled.

OR

There is a pending transaction that will process Monday evening.

Not Awarded: Student not eligible

WebGrants Chafee Roster

School ID 00115000

Acad Year 2016 - 2017 ▼

Search ID SSN ▼

First Name

Last Name

Award Status --- Select --- ▼

Search

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Institution Code	SSN	CSAC ID	Last Name	First Name	Award Status	Award Status Date
00115000	555555555	105555555	SMITH	JOHN	Awarded	07/28/2016
00115000	666666666	105555555	SMITH	JANE	Not Awarded	07/28/2016
00115000	444444444	105555555	STUDENT	TEST	Pending	

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To maximize funding, it is very important for schools to certify eligibility and request payment timely.

Schools must certify eligibility and request payment each term.

Schools can certify and request payment in the same transaction but there can only be one transaction per week.

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Before schools can request payment, student eligibility must be certified.

Students must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Be in good SAP standing
- Have unmet need

Students do **NOT** need:

- To meet ability-to-benefit requirements
- To meet Selective Service requirements
- To be clear of default or overpayments

Chafee - Payment Request (TEST SCHOOL)

Demographic Information	Annual Data
DOE, JOHN	School Programs: 00 -
CSAC ID: 12345678	Living Arrangements: <input type="radio"/> On Campus <input type="radio"/> Off Campus <input checked="" type="radio"/> With Relatives
SSN No: XXX - XX - 1111	Term(s) Attending: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL <input type="checkbox"/> WN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SU
DOB: 09/26/1994	Education Level: Freshman
Address: 1234 MAIN STREET SACTOWN CA 95555	Cost of Attendance: \$16,000
Phone: 9164646425	EFC: \$0
Alt. Phone:	Other Aid: \$0
Email: APPTTEST@CSAC.CA.GOV	Chafee Need: \$16,000
Alt. Email:	Projected Award: \$5,000
	Award Amount: \$0
	Graduated or Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete FA Package <input type="checkbox"/> Not maintaining SAP <input type="checkbox"/>
	Not Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled HT <input type="checkbox"/>

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Pay Fall Term: ☐

Pay Winter Term: ☐

Pay Spring Term: ☐

Pay Summer Term: ☐

Annual Data

School Programs: 00 - ▼

Living Arrangements: ☐ On Campus ☐ Off Campus ☒ With Relatives

Term(s) Attending ☒ FL ☐ WN ☒ SP ☐ SU

Education Level * Freshman ▼

Cost of Attendance: * \$16,000

EFC: * \$0

Other Aid: * \$0

Chafee Need: \$16,000

Projected Award: \$5,000

Award Amount: \$0

Graduated or Completed ☐ Incomplete FA Package ☐ Not maintaining SAP ☐

Not Enrolled ☐ Not Enrolled HT ☐

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Pay Fall Term: ☐

Pay Winter Term: ☐

Pay Spring Term: ☐

Pay Summer Term: ☐

Save

Back

Reset

Annual Data

School Programs: 00 - ▼

Living Arrangements: ☐ On Campus ☐ Off Campus ☒ With Relatives

Term(s) Attending ☒ FL ☐ WN ☒ SP ☐ SU

Education Level * Freshman ▼

Cost of Attendance: * \$16,000

EFC: * \$0

Other Aid: * \$0

Chafee Need: \$16,000

Projected Award: \$5,000

Award Amount: \$0

Graduated or Completed ☐ Incomplete FA Package ☐ Not maintaining SAP ☐

Not Enrolled ☐ Not Enrolled HT ☐

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Payment requests made Tuesday through Monday are sent to the State Controllers Office for payment.

Checks are sent from the State Controllers Office directly to the school made out to the student (in care of the school).

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Once the check is received, schools must verify that the student:

- Is still enrolled at least half-time
- Is meeting your SAP policy
- Has unmet need greater than the amount of the check

Disbursement

Schools are expected to disburse the check (or return it to CSAC) within 10 days of receipt).

Reconciliation

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Returned Checks (Abatements)

If the student is no longer eligible for their Chafee grant, schools must return the check.

On the check stub, schools should indicate the reason for return.

Schools are expected to disburse the check with 10 days of receipt.

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Schools are encouraged to utilize the Institution Reconciliation screen on WebGrants.

Reconciliation

Chafee Process Flow - Reconciliation

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Institution Reconciliation

School ID: Acad Yr: 2016-2017 ▾ All Claim Schedules ▾ Claim Schedule Number: 

All Claim Schedules for Academic Year 2016
For School



Claim Schedule	Term	Run Date	Sum of Warrants	Number of Warrants
 17212751	FL	07/31/2017	\$2,500	1
 17212751	SP	07/31/2017	\$5,000	2
 17143371	FL	05/23/2017	\$5,000	2
 17143371	SP	05/23/2017	\$7,500	3
 17003391	SP	01/03/2017	\$30,000	12
 16347311	FL	12/12/2016	\$2,500	1
 16298891	FL	10/24/2016	\$5,000	2
 16291851	FL	10/17/2016	\$2,500	1
 16264701	FL	09/20/2016	\$7,500	3
 16238501	FL	08/25/2016	\$5,000	2

Claim Schedules by Academic Year \$72,500

Exit

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School ID:
 Acad Yr: 2016- 2017 ▼
 All Claim Schedules ▼
 Claim Schedule Number:

Payments for Claim Schedule 17143371



Seq #	CSAC Id	Name	Acad Year	Warrant Number	Warrant Amount	Warrant Date	Fund Year	CSAC Recv'd Return Ck Date
108			2016	66-648918	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	
46			2016	66-648916	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	06/26/2017
65			2016	66-648917	\$2,500	05/30/2017	2016	

Exit

2017-18 Awards

- Program totals:
 - Awarded amount: \$14,332,467 Paid amount: \$10,967,447
 - 3117 students

Segment	Amount	Students
CCC	\$8,794,212	1973
CSU	\$2,795,392	580
UC	\$745,495	152
Private	\$1,001,141	214
Out of State	\$996,227	198

Operational Updates

- Weekly emails to schools and students
- Notices are sent to the students to let them know they will be made ineligible and to contact the Financial Aid Office if they have questions or to make a school change if they are no longer enrolled at that school.
- Awards that have not been certified, that are more than 30 days old, will be made ineligible.
- 2017-18 awards and payments processed through September 2018
- 2018-19 awarding date TBD for April